Reservation in private sector

760. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far Government have been successful in persuading the private business organisations on job reservations for the disadvantaged sections like SC/ST/OBC, as negotiations with such bodies are being held for now quite some time;

(b) whether Government would think of introducing such a legislation in the Parliament in the event of no consensus being arrived at through negotiations; and

(c) what is the general opinion of the State Governments in this regard as their positive support to such a legislation and then later on its implementation is indispensable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Group of Ministers (GOM) constituted to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is having consultation with the apex associations of industry and trade. In May 2005, 21 captains of industry have issued a statement welcoming the move of the Government to have dialogue with the industry on affirmative action. They have committed to expand their activities for disadvantaged persons with regard to scholarships, company-run private schools, partnership with government schools, vocational training in-house as well as in partnership with ITIs, vender development programmes etc.

(b) and (c) State Governments have not been consulted in the matter as their is no proposal to introduce a legislation in the Parliament at Present.

National Policy for persons with disability

761. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a National Policy for persons with disability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have compiled a compendium on some of the important judgements of Supreme Court and High Courts on the matters relating to rights and protection of the disabled persons including disabled senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in compliance of some of the important orders of the court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) A draft National Policy for Persons with Disabilities has been formulated and placed on the web site of the Ministry viz. *www.socialjustice.nic.in* for comments of the individuals/experts/non-governmental organizations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The compilation entitled "Judgments on Disability Issues— Case Digest, 2005", consists of 80 judgements delivered by various courts on the issues of education, employment, promotion, discrimination etc. in the last 75 years. The compilation is a reference book for consultation by legal professionals, judges, and organizations of persons with disabilities.

Schemes for rehabilitation of physically challenged

762. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN. Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes/schemes are being implemented for providing rehabilitation services to the persons with visual, hearing, orthopaedic and mental disabilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by Government during each of the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.